

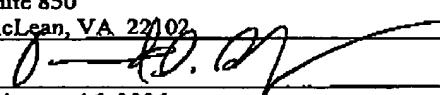
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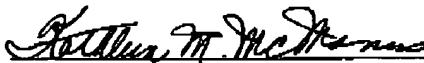
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| 1001 300 | 2001 150 | Utility filing fee | |
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| 1004 300 | 2004 150 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 1005 200 | 2005 100 | Provisional filing fee | |

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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| Total Claims | Extra Claims | | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
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| 1202 50 | 2202 25 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 200 | 2201 100 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 360 | 2203 180 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 200 | 2204 100 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
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| 1031 130 | 2051 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath |
| 1032 50 | 2032 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet |
| 1033 130 | 1033 130 | Non-English specification |
| 1812 2,520 | 1812 2,520 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination |
| 1804 920* | 1804 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action |
| 1805 1,840* | 1805 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action |
| 1251 120 | 2251 60 | Extension for reply within first month |
| 1252 450 | 2252 225 | Extension for reply within second month |
| 1253 1,020 | 2233 510 | Extension for reply within third month |
| 1254 1,590 | 2254 795 | Extension for reply within fourth month |
| 1255 2,160 | 2255 1,080 | Extension for reply within fifth month |
| 1401 500 | 2401 250 | Notice of Appeal |
| 1402 500 | 2402 250 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal |
| 1403 1,000 | 2403 500 | Request for oral hearing |
| 1451 1,510 | 1451 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding |
| 1452 500 | 2452 250 | Petition to revive - unavoidable |
| 1453 1,500 | 2453 750 | Petition to revive - unintentional |
| 1501 1,400 | 2501 700 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) |
| 1502 800 | 2502 400 | Design issue fee |
| 1503 1,100 | 2503 550 | Plant issue fee |
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| 8021 40 | 8021 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |
| 1809 790 | 2809 395 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) |
| 1810 790 | 2810 395 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) |
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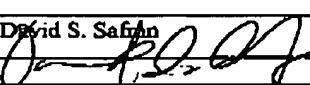
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